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- During late May the Rumanian Government ordered peasants in the vicinity of the village of Brebeni, in the Olt district, to move from their land which the Soviets desired for an artillery range, promising them that they would receive land elsewhere. The peasants, believing this request to be a ruse to acquire their land for a kolkhoz, attacked members of the Militia who were present and wounded approximately twenty, including a relative of Techari Georgescu, Minister of Interior. About one hundred peasants were subsequently arrested and beaten in an effort to force confessions that "reactionaries" and former landowners had instigated the outbreak.
- 2. At Dobrunu, in the Romanati district, the authorities desired to establish a model farm on an estate taken from the owner and handed over to the peasants who were promised land elsewhere. When tractors were brought in, the peasants, fearing that a collective farm would be established, gathered in force. Fighting broke out when a peasant was run over and killed by a tractor. Three tractor drivers and a number of peasants were

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